

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCKET NUMBER 2
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2001**

ADOPTION AGENDA, DISCUSSION, OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS
RESOLUTIONS:

ITEM-S500: Joint Grant Application with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority for Grant Funds for San Pasqual Valley Interpretive Center.

(San Pasqual Community Area. District-5.)

COUNCILMEMBER MAIENSCHEN'S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the following resolution:

(R-2002-615)

Authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit a joint application together with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority to the Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers, Museums, and Facilities for Wildlife Education or Environmental Education Program for funds to develop the San Pasqual Valley Interpretive Center project;

Authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, upon full funding of the Interpretive Center project, to negotiate exclusively with the JPA for a lease of City property for such project.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and the City of San Diego propose to interpret several unique themes of statewide and regional importance at an 8,000-square foot interpretive center, or visitors center, to be constructed adjacent to the historic Sikes Adobe Farmhouse at the gateway to the 4,000-acre San Pasqual Valley Agricultural preserve. The Sikes Adobe Farmhouse was built in 1870 and is located on the southeast side of the I-15/Via Rancho Parkway junction, and immediately west of the Hodges Golf Center driving range. The City of San Diego owns the land on which the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse sits, which is the same land where the Interpretive Center will be built. This action will authorize the City Manager to negotiate exclusively with the JPA for a lease of the property once full funding is obtained. The purpose of this action is to permit the City to jointly apply with the JPA for funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Urban Center Grant Program. The \$3.5 million grant request will be directed toward the construction of the Interpretive Center.

The JPA assumes full responsibility for the development of this project. This grant has no matching funds requirement obligating the City to contribute monies toward the project, and this action does not obligate the City to contribute funds toward the maintenance of the project. This action will have no fiscal impact to the City.

The purpose of pursuing the development of an Interpretive Center project on this site is to provide a premier facility which will examine and interpret multiple important California historical, cultural, economic technological and resource themes in a comprehensive fashion focusing on a segment of our society which was critical to the evolution of our community and our country as we know it, and which continues to perform a critical and evolving role today. The Interpretive Center will accomplish this goal by exploring the following themes: "The Changing Agricultural Face of San Diego," "The Pioneer Experience," "Grain as King," "The Sikes Family Story," "An Evolving Building," and "The Town of Bernardo." In addition, the San Dieguito River Park will cooperate jointly with the San Diego and Palomar Chapters of the Audubon Society in educating the public about birds of Lake Hodges, and site that has been named a Globally Important Bird Area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None to the City.

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